

**P-20 Council
Steering Committee Meeting
October 8, 2008 - 2:00 p.m.
Meeting Notes**

Location: 1700 W. Washington, 6th Floor Conference Room A, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Committee Members Present: Dr. Rufus Glasper, Dr. Karen Nicodemus, Dr. Sybil Francis (telephonic), Daniela Robles (telephonic), Paul Luna and Dr. Jim Zaharis.

Staff Present: Debra Raeder, Mariko Silver, Lauren Kielsmeier, Eva Lester, Claire Parriott and Erin Hart.

Guests Present: Amanda Burke (telephonic), Rhian Evans Allvin (telephonic) and Jim Pitofsky.

1. Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm. It was noted that Sybil Francis, Daniela Robles, Rhian Evans Allvin and Amanda Burke were attending telephonically.

2. Review/Discussion - Work of the Committees Update

a. Early Childhood Ad Hoc Committee

- Rhian Evans Allvin, Chair of the Early Childhood Ad Hoc Committee, provided an overview and discussed with the Steering Committee each of the recommendations drafted by the Ad Hoc Committee. The Recommendations will be shared with each of the Committees for review and input prior to the November 13th Council Retreat, where they will be presented for adoption.

b. Alignment Committee

- Dr. Nicodemus provided an update on the SBE appointees to the Assessment & Accountability Taskforce, mandated by HB 2211. Dr. Jim Zaharis will chair the Taskforce and their work will commence in October. The work of the Taskforce is narrow and will focus on addressing whether AIMS should be a high stakes test, and to research what other states are doing in implementing college ready assessments.
- Dr. Nicodemus provided an update on the Arizona 10-member Leadership Team participating in the Achieve Policy Institute. The Leadership Team has recently returned from the first meeting in Washington, D.C. and is planning an in-state meeting with technical assistance from Achieve and its partners on October 10th. The purpose of this meeting is to conduct a policy review. This meeting will also include a work team that has been comprised to inform the work of the Leadership Team. It is anticipated that the work at this Institute can and will inform the work of the Taskforce.

c. Literacy Committee

- Daniels Robles reported that the Council has been awarded a \$40,000 grant from the Southern Arizona Grantmakers and Literacy Leadership Council to expand the Teacher Reading Endorsement Program. This grant will fund 14-teachers from Title I schools in the southern region of the state in receiving a reading endorsement. The Committee discussed how the

universities and community colleges can partner to support and expand this program. Dr. Glasper will follow-up.

d. Steering Committee/Updates:

- The draft agenda for the P-20 Council Retreat/Meeting scheduled for November 13th was reviewed and discussed. The Committee discussed the need for a facilitator to help the Council focus on several major goals for the Council to pursue in the upcoming months and to ensure the work of the Council will continue to move forward even after the Governor has left office. Sponsors are still needed to support the expenses of the Retreat.
- Staff requested the Committee Chairs consider a 2009 meeting schedule with all committee meetings to move from a Monday/Wednesday schedule to a Tuesday/Wednesday schedule. Chairs are to contact Debra with their meeting preference.

3. Next Steps

- Staff asked each chair to continue reviewing and updating their committee work plans.
- Dr. Glasper to follow up on ways universities/community colleges can support the Literacy Committee's Teachers Reading Endorsement Scholarship Program.

4. Call to the Public

- Jim Pitofsky expressed support for the work of the Council in each of the areas discussed and indicated that the ACF would look for ways to support the Retreat.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Rufus Glasper at 3:30 p.m.